

## NEGRO POPULATION

In Great Cities—Washington Has the Largest Number—Curiosities of the Distribution of Colored Population. Trend of Its Drift.

Washington dispatch in New York Sun: Although not generally known, it is nevertheless a fact that Washington, the fourteenth city of the Union in population, contains the greatest negro population of them all. There are more negroes in Washington than in any other city of the Union, not excepting the great cities of St. Louis, Baltimore and New Orleans, all situated in former slave states, and, excepting New Orleans, with more than double its population. There are nearly three times as many black people in Washington as St. Louis. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin, and it might be supposed that in that great cosmopolitan center of population there would be more blacks than in Washington with its 250,000 people. But it is not so; Washington contains more than double the number of negroes counted among New York's 3,600,000.

The distribution of the negroes in the great centers of population is an interesting study. The following tabulation, including at least one principal point in each state and several in some states, gives their negro population as shown by the census of 1890, followed by the total population of each. In one respect the table is unsatisfactory. The census figures do not differentiate the white and the black inhabitants of the cities, but it does so differentiate in the counties. Therefore, the column headed "negro population" includes in every instance the black population of the whole county in which the city is situated. It is the best that could be done. "Total population," however, includes only the city itself. It may be said, though, that in respect of all the larger cities the figures probably include very few negroes outside the city limits:

City.	Negro Population.	Total Population.
Washington	75,722	257,722
Baltimore	67,194	217,194
New Orleans	64,481	242,481
Memphis	62,113	84,413
Richmond	44,286	71,286
Nashville	43,416	69,416
Norfolk	39,478	64,478
Philadelphia	36,371	1,046,371
Atlanta	35,397	64,397
Charleston	35,073	64,073
Birmingham	34,000	64,000
Louisville	34,746	41,746
St. Louis	32,865	41,770
New York	29,901	1,515,901
Mobile	28,995	57,995
Little Rock	28,985	57,985
Kansas City	14,923	18,923
Chicago	14,910	1,099,910
St. Petersburg	14,900	18,900
Wilmington, Del.	14,436	61,436
Wilmington, N. C.	13,335	29,335
Pitts. and Allegheny	13,322	31,322
Indianapolis	11,397	30,397
Indianapolis	11,118	105,418
Boston	10,445	445,445
St. Paul	9,829	31,829
Kansas City, Kan.	6,385	33,385
Newark	6,310	31,310
St. Paul	6,284	31,284
Omaha	4,583	140,483
Providence	4,583	132,414
Leavenworth	4,485	29,485
New Haven	4,095	61,095
St. Joseph, Mo.	3,974	62,383
Detroit	3,815	95,815
St. Paul	3,764	105,764
Cleveland	3,146	261,346
Jersey City	2,406	184,006
San Francisco	2,347	258,347
St. Paul	1,936	132,136
Buffalo	1,748	61,748
Rochester	812	101,812
Portland, Ore.	659	46,659
Milwaukee	458	41,458
Portland, Me.	371	61,371
Des Moines	371	57,039
Tacoma	338	61,338
St. Paul	240	61,240